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SUBJ: SECRETARIES SHULTZ AND DENT VISIT: YUGOSLAV DAILY REQUESTS FOR WRITTEN INTERVIEW

1. USIS PRESS ATTACHE HAS RECEIVED LIST OF QUESTION FROM PRIVREDNI PREGLEG, ONLY ECONOMIC DAILY IN YUGOSLAVIA, TO SECRETARIES SHULTZ AND DENT FOR REPLY IN WRITING HOPEFULLY BY OCTOBER 1 TO PERMIT PUBLICATION ON THE WEEKEND SECRETARIES ARRIVE IN BELGRADE. QUESTIONS FOLLOW:

QUOTE

A. TRADE EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND YUGOSLAVIA HAS FAVORABLY DEVELOPED IN THE COURSE OF THE YEAR UP TO NOW. YET SOME YUGOSLAV FIRMS

ARE ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES IN THE U.S. MARKET, PARTICULARLY AFTER THE DOLLAR DEVALUATION. WHAT, IN YOUR OPINION, SHOULD BOTH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIDES DO SO THAT TRADE EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES CAN

ACHIEVE DIMENSIONS CORRESPONDING TO MUTUAL POSSIBILITIES? AS A DEVELOPING COUNTRY, CAN YUGOSLAVIA EXPECT TO RECEIVE THE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR HER EXPORT TO THE U.S. AND WHEN?

B. WOULD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT OFFICE OF A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR INSTANCE, CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE STABLE AND LONG-TERM COOPERATION OF THE TWO COUNTRIES?

C. YUGOSLAVIA IS INTERESTED IN USING MODERN U.S. TECHNOLOGY. WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN THIS RESPECT THUS FAR, IN THE FORM OF AGREE-MENTS FOR LONG-TERM COOPERATION AND FOR JOINT INVESTMENTS, CAN IN NO WAY BE ASSESSED AS ENOUGH. WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO AROUSE THE INTEREST OF U.S. BUSINESSMEN FOR SUCH ARRANGEMENTS? WHAT CAN THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION DO IN THAT DIRECTION?

D. ALTHOUGHMANY U.S. TOURISTS VISIT YUGOSLAVIA EACH YEAR, IT SEEMS THAT IN THIS AREA TOO, THE FULL POTENTIAL IS FAR FROM BEING ACHIEVED. WHAT SHOULD BE DONE FURTHER? DO YOU THINK THAT BETTER TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS (CHARTER FLIGHTS) COULD BRING ABOUT MORE LIVELY TOURIST EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES?

NEW PARA: AT THE END, LET US ASK YOU TWO, AT THE CURRENT MOMENT, VERY ACUTE QUESTIONS THAT GO OUT OF THE FRAMEWORK OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, THOUGH, NATURALLY, THEY INTEREST BOTH COUNTRIES. THESE ARE:

E. WHAT CAN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EXPECT OF MULTILATERAL TALKS RECENTLY OPENED IN TOKYO? AND

F. HOW DO YOU VIEW THE PRESENT MOMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SITUATION? WOULD THE NEWEST SOLUTIONS, IN YOUR OPINION, BE OF A LONGER DURATION THAN THOSE PRECEDING THEM? UNQUOTE

2. EMBASSY CONSIDERS THIS GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO GET USEFUL MESSAGE ACROSS TO YUGOSLAV PUBLIC AND BELIEVE WE SHOULD RESPOND POSITIVELY. ON ASSUMPTION SECRETARIES WILL AGREE, EMBASSY IS PREPARING AND WILL SUBMIT SOONEST DRAFT REPLIES TO ALL QUESTION EXCEPT FINAL TWO (E AND F ABOVE) WHICH OBVIOUSLY WASHINGTON IN BETTER POSITION TO HANDLE.

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